



United States District Court
Northern District of Illinois
219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS LOCAL PATENT RULES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

CHICAGO - October 1, 2009 — The judges of the Northern District of Illinois have enacted the Court's Local Patent Rules to guide the pretrial procedures in patent cases. The Local Patent Rules are effective as of October 1, 2009, and are available on the court's web site, www.ilnd.uscourts.gov, under Local Rules. Please click [here](#) to go directly to the Court's Local Patent Rules.

The Court's Local Patent Rules were drafted by a committee of experienced lawyers, who are affiliated with the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago (IPLAC), and four district judges: Judge Matthew Kennelly, who chaired the drafting committee; Judge James Zagel; Judge Amy St. Eve; and Chief Judge James Holderman.

The seven lawyers of the drafting committee were Allan Sternstein of Dykema Gossett; Bradford Lyerla of Marshall, Gerstein & Borun; Edward Manzo of Cook Alex; Dean Monco of Wood Phillips; Michael Padden of Howrey; Marshall Seeder of Reed Smith; and Paul Vickrey of Niro, Scarvone, Haller & Niro.

Chief Judge Holderman stated:

We judges are grateful for the time and the detailed analysis the lawyers on the drafting committee devoted to this endeavor. We are also grateful to the people who took the time to comment during the public comment period. Each comment was considered, and revisions were made as a result of several of the comments received. This truly was a collaborative effort among the lawyers and judges who participated in the preparation and revision of the Rules. In our continuing effort to provide justice to all parties, we look forward to implementing these Rules in a manner that will assist the fair and just resolution of patent cases in our Court.

Although individual judges presiding over individual patent cases may make adjustments in the schedule of pretrial proceedings set out in the Local Patent Rules, the Rules provide a uniform structure of procedures and time-frames for the pretrial proceedings in patent cases in the Northern District of Illinois.